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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NEW TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY OF TOGO'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER ANANI AKAKPO-AHIANYO. QUOTE THE PERSON WHO THE CHIEF OF STATE HAS JUST PLACED AT THE HEAD OF TOGOLESE FOREIGN POLICY WAS BORN DECEMBER 12, 1937 AT AWLI-MIVAKPO IN THE CIRCUMSCRIPTION OF TSEVIE. AFTER PRIMARY SCHOOLING AT TSEVIE, PYA, LOME AND ATAKPAME, HE TOOK HIS SECONDARY STUDIES AT THE LYCEE OF LOME AND RECEIVED A BACCALAUREAT WITH A SPECIALTY IN EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES. MR AKAKPO-AHIANYO THEN WENT TO FRANCE FOR HIGHER STUDY IN 1957. RETURNING TO TOGO IN 1968, HE BECAME A RESEARCHER AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND IN 1970 HE BECAME ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL.

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8. ADDITION TO THESE DUTIES, MR AKAKPO-AHIANYO BECAME IN 1975 THE DIRECTEUR DE CABINET AT THE MINISTRY OF RURAL EQUIPMENT. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER IN THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR OF TOGO TO THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TO THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA, A POST WHICH HE HAD OCCUPIED UNTIL THE PRESENT. FROM 1972-75 HE ALSO GAVE COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION BECAME A MEMBER OF THE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RPT AFTER THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONGRESS OF 1969 AND WAS REELECTED AT THE FIRST STATUTORY  
CONGRESS AT PALIME IN 1972. SINCE 1975 HE HAS BEEN A  
MEMBER OF THE MINICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOME.  
DOCTOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND MASTER OF LITERATURE, MR  
AKAKPO-AHIANYO, WHO IS AN EXPERT IN AGRICULTURE AND LAND  
TENURE, HAS ALSO A DECREE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER  
STUDIES OR RURAL LAW AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY. HE IS  
MARRAIED AND A FATHER. ENF QUOTE  
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. MR AKAKPO-AHIANYO IS A TYPICAL PRMDUCT OF FRENCH  
LEFTIST STUDENT CIRCLES. A BOOK OF HIS POEMS PUBLISHED  
IN 1975 CONTAINS SLECTIONS GOING BACK TO 1958. THE TONE  
IS FIERCELY NATIONALIST AND VEHEMENTLY ANTI-IMPERIALIST.  
IN A POEM FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1967 IN THE MAGAZINE OF THE  
LEFTIST FEDERATION OF BLACK AFRICAN STUDENTS IN FRANCE (FEANF),  
HE SUMMONS THE "YOUNG PROGRESSIVE INTELLECTUALS" TO  
COMBAT AGAINST THEIR "IMPERIALIST CAPTORS." IN 1974 HE VISITED  
NORTH KOREA IN PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S ENTOURAGE. THIS VISIT  
PRODUCED A HYMN TO KIM IL SUNG AND AN ODE OF SOLIDARITY  
TO THE (NORTH) KOREAN PEOPLE.  
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3. IN THE FALL OF 1973 MR AKAKPO-AHIANYO VISITED THE UNITED  
STATES IN HIS CAPACITY OF DIRECTOR GENECAL OF THE NATIONAL  
INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT  
WAS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH US UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH  
INSTITUTIONS. IT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PRODUCING SOME AGREEMENTS  
FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE AND THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. MR AKAKPO-AHIANYO EXPRESSED  
HIS APPRECIATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO  
FACILITATE HIS VISIT.

4. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND  
SPANISH. IN 1973 HE HAD THREE CHILDREN. PRIOR TO 1973, IN  
ADDITION TO STUDIES IN FRANCE, HE HAD VISITED THE UNITED  
KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY AND ITALY AS A TOURISTBM YOUNG

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